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RESOLUTION No. _____**

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Whereas, Herb Higgins has provided a beacon of hope and a safe place for countless Hoosier children through the Safe Harbor After-School Enrichment Program in Michigan City and LaPorte and Porter counties;

Whereas, Herb Higgins began working with the Safe Harbor program in February 2001;

Whereas, During his time at Safe Harbor, the children have always been Herb's primary concern;

Whereas, The program has continued to provide tutoring and homework assistance and developmental and academic enrichment activities, with a special emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education that supports regular school-day instruction;

Whereas, Under Herb's guidance, the number of children served by Safe Harbor has grown from 300 to 550;

Whereas, Early on, Safe Harbor provided programs that included dance, music, art, and languages, but the program now includes before-school programming, STEM, horticulture, community service, and robotics;

Whereas, At the age of 66, Herb feels that now is the right time to open the job up to someone new to try to reach more



people using the newest technology;

Whereas, Well known throughout the state, Herb is known as the "dean of after-school" and the "grandfather of after-school" for his many accomplishments in the field;

Whereas, Herb helped to start the Indiana Afterschool Network and is currently on the board;

Whereas, Even before coming to the Safe Harbor program, Herb worked in youth prevention programs;

Whereas, Growing up in Chicago, Herb chose counseling as his life's work because he wanted to help people;

Whereas, Herb views his role as startup director of Interventions, a 175-bed facility in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood where he provided detoxification services for people with substance abuse problems, as one of the major accomplishments of his career;

Whereas, Herb graduated from Northeastern Illinois University with a degree in social services and later earned a master's degree in health science from Governors State University; and

Whereas, Through his work, Herb Higgins has made a difference in the lives of countless children: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly thanks Herb
- 2 Higgins for his dedicated service to the children of northern Indiana
- 3 and wishes him continued happiness and contentment in retirement.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Herb Higgins and
- 6 his family.

